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 Venkataratnam, Mr. B.
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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STARRED QUESTIONS

Public Health

Right of private practice to the Medical officers.

* 1774 Q.—MR. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) why the Government allows the right of private practice to its medical officers alone, while the men in other departments like that of engineering are denied any such privilege; and

(b) whether there are instances of medical men in the service of the Government being consultants of particular chemists' shops or the owners of such shops and whether these officers could run any business of a remunerative nature?

A.—(a) The Government consider that until the independent medical profession in the Presidency is in a position to satisfy the medical needs of the people, the latter should not be deprived of the services of Government medical officers.

(b) With regard to the first part of the question, the Government have no information. As regards the second part, a Government servant may not, without the previous sanction of the Local Government, engage in any trade or undertake any employment, other than his public duties.

MR. A. B. SHETTY:—"Sir, regarding clause (b), am I to understand whether Government will get information on this matter?"

THE HON. MR. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"May I suggest to the hon. Member, Sir, that instead of starting a fishing expedition as regards this question, if the hon. Member would give a few instances of the kind he suggests, it would be easier to get the information and take the necessary action?"

Local Boards

Proposals by taluk boards to open libraries of an itinerant nature.

* 1775 Q.—THE ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether any taluk board has sent proposals to open libraries of an itinerant nature; and

(b) if so, what are the detailed schemes proposed by such local boards, and what action the Government propose to take thereon?

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A.—(a) & (b) Proposals have been received from the President of the Nazvid Taluk Board and have been referred to the Director of Public Instruction for remarks.

Betting

Legislation for combating the betting evil.

* 1776 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether the Government have come to any conclusion regarding the report submitted by the Committee appointed to consider the question of legislation for combating the betting evil?

A.—The Government have decided to introduce suitable legislation.

Irrigation

Irrigation facilities in the Chidambaram taluk, South Arcot.

* 1777 Q.—Swami A. S. SAHAJANANDAM: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether in the channel constituting S. Nos. 77, 78, 79 of Pannapat village, Chidambaram taluk, there were any authorized or recognized kondams;

(b) whether the water flowing into the said channel has been diverted away into a channel constituted in S. No. 15 and further east by the erection of a masonry dam;

(c) whether the dam has been erected by the Government and, if so, at what cost;

(d) whether there were any objections raised by some landholders against the said action of the Government;

(e) whether any responsible officers of the Government visited the spot; and

(f) what orders have been passed on the objection petitions, and whether any enquiry was made regarding the grievances of the petitioners?

A.—The Government have not received any representations about the case. The question and answer will be communicated to the Collector of South Arcot.

Mr. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—"With regard to the answer, Sir, may I ask if the Government will find out from the Collector of South Arcot whether he has received any such petition?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"Will the hon. Member kindly repeat his question, for I did not hear it?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The hon. Member will kindly repeat his question."

Mr. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—"I asked, Sir, whether the Government will be pleased to find out from the Collector of South Arcot whether he has received any such objection petition?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"Yes, Sir. I would do so, as soon as he has looked into the matter as suggested in the answer."